



Sovereign Grace Church

March 10th, 2024

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

“As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.”

(Psalm 55:16)

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O WHAT may a poor, ignorant, witless sinner think of a treasure of wisdom, for his illumination! What may a guilty sinner think of a treasure of righteousness, for his justification! What may a filthy sinner think of a treasure of grace, for his sanctification! And what may a miserable sinner think of a treasure of mercy, for his complete redemption! Yet all these treasures, and infinitely more than we can name, are in Christ; “*Who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,*” (1 Corinthians 1:30). O the fulness of grace that is in Him, that out of His fulness we may receive grace for grace! He is the storehouse of all God’s treasures; for all is treasured up in Him, that we may be complete in Him, who will by faith [the gift of God] make use of Him [who “*is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.*”] [Colossians 2:7-12, John 1:16, Hebrews 7:25]

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Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Sandra Murphy, March 29th

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Christ Within The Veil, Without The Camp!

"Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach."
(Hebrews 13:13)

IFIND Christ, as it regards my conscience, "*within the veil*;" I find Christ, as it regards my heart, "*without the camp*."

It does not become us to take only the comfort which flows from our knowing Christ to be within the veil—the comfort His sacrifice gives us; I must seek practical identification with Him *without* the camp. Christ *within* the veil tranquillizes my conscience; Christ *without* the camp quickens, energizes my soul to run more devotedly the race set before me. "The bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought *into the sanctuary* by the high priest for sin, are burned *without the camp*. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered *without the gate*. Let us go forth therefore *unto Him without the camp*, bearing His reproach." (Hebrews 13:11-13). No two points are morally more remote than *inside the veil*, and *without the camp*, and yet they are brought together here. *Within the veil* was the place where...God's glory dwelt; *without the camp*, the place where the sin-offering was burned. No place gives such an idea of distance from God as that. It is blessed to know that the Holy Ghost presents to me Jesus filling up all that is between these two points. I have nothing to do whatever with the camp. The camp was the place of ostensible profession—in type, the camp of Israel; in antitype, the city of Jerusalem. Why did Christ suffer without the gate? In order to show the setting aside of the mere machinery of Israel's outward profession.

How can I be enjoying Christ if I am not walking in company with Him? We know that we cannot enjoy the company of a person unless we are where that person is. Where then is Christ? "*Without the camp*."— "*Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach*." This is not to go forth to men, or to opinions, to a church, or to a creed, but to Christ Himself. We are not of the world. Why? Because Christ is not of the world. The measure of our separation from the world is the measure of Christ's separation. When the heart is filled with Christ, it can give up the world; there is no difficulty in doing it then. The men saying, "Give up this," or "Give up that," to one loving the world will be of no avail; what I have to do is to seek to minister to that soul more of Christ...I am *within the veil* with Christ, *without the camp* in the world, "*bearing His reproach*;" and whilst thus delivered from the profession around me that is not of Him, I am engaged in worship and doing good to all. In regard to my hope, it is not, as people say, the "holding the doctrine of the Second Advent," but "waiting for God's Son from heaven." This is not a dead, dry doctrine. If we are really waiting for God's Son from heaven, we shall be sitting loose [unattached] to the world. I have Christ for my soul's need, and I am only waiting for God's Son from heaven, for Christ to come to take His Church unto Himself, that where He is, we may be also. [Amen!]

That Nothing Be Lost

“...Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.”

(John 6:12)

The miracle of the Lord turning five loaves and two fishes into an abundant, seemingly never ending, provision of food, shows us the never-ending provision He supplies for the wants of the body and soul of His people. After the people had their fill, the disciples gathered up what was left and filled twelve baskets. There was abundance for all, and perhaps what the lad had given, was returned to him two, or three fold, to take home to his family; of a truth “*The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself*” (Proverbs 11:25).

Our Lord in manifesting His power and mercy in feeding the five thousand, so astonished the multitude by the miracle, they said that surely He is the Christ. These men, like all of Israel, were waiting and looking for their promised King so they thought of an earthly kingdom. They did not understand that the true kingdom of the Messiah was not to be of this world, as our Lord declared “*My kingdom is not of this world.*” So, why did they not know the meaning of the Old Testament sacrifices and the redemptive work of Christ that those sacrifices pointed to? Very simply this, they did not hearken unto Him. Moses tells us that His people “*unto Him...ye shall hearken*” (Deuteronomy 18:15) and our Lord says the very same thing, “*My sheep hear my voice*” (John 10:27).

Beloved, among those who hate the cross of Christ, even among those who profess to believe and love Him, you will find they don’t hear His voice, they don’t hearken “*unto Him,*” in fact they hate what He has taught you beloved by His grace. John writes “*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son*” (2 John 1:9).

What a blessed view of the gospel is found in the expression “*that nothing be lost.*” Our Lord declares “*Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.*” And so the disciples “*gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.*”

Beloved, just as our Lord commanded the disciples to gather the fragments that nothing be lost; we can see here, without doing any damage to the text, the beautiful reality of the glory of our Sovereign Successful Saviour. Indeed, the beautiful picture of the full and complete salvation of all His people. God’s remnant people, ALL OF THEM, shall be gathered through the gospel labours of His people, as He uses them in the instrumentality of accomplishing His will and purpose in Christ, “**THAT NOTHING BE LOST.**” Amen!

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